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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This invention relates to an improved acoustic window for an acoustic waveform passage having a generally uniform transmission loss at an angle of incidence of between -40° and +40°. The composition is formed from at least one core layer and at least two septa, with the core layer being a material having a generally low-acoustic-impedance, a static shear modulus between about 1.0 psi (0.007 MPa) and about 15,000 psi (103 MPa), a transverse (or through-thickness) sound velocity for the acoustic waveform of between about 700 and about 2200 meters per second, a transverse acoustic impedance of less than or equal to 4×10^6 kilograms per square meter-second, and a shear loss factor of greater than 0.02, the septa being composed of at least one ply of a material, preferably a graphite fiber reinforced epoxy composition, having a transverse acoustic impedance of less than 60×10^6 kg/m²-sec, a tensile modulus of more than 0.5×10^6 psi, a thickness of less than $0.10 \lambda_M$, and each being bonded to said core to form a sandwich with said core layer, and the acoustic waveform has a λ of at least 0.001 meter and less than 3 meters.



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The documents found by the International Searching Authority are being placed in the file inasmuch as the application has been allowed and the issue fee has been paid.

For the record it is being noted that all six of the references are indicated as a category A which define the general state of the art which are not considered to be of particular relevance to the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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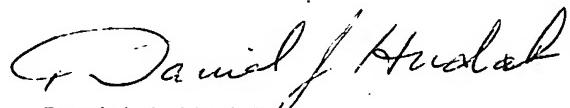
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The placement of the above documents into the file is requested.

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